THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) Government requested for 'fair and just' treatment for Dr. Mohammed Haneef under Australian law.

(c) The Australian Government dropped the criminal charges against Dr. Mohammed Haneef and Dr. Haneef returned to India on July 29, 2007.

Visa to IAS official by China

†515. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China retains its claim on Arunachal Pradesh of India and as a result it has refused visa while expressing its objection to an IAS official of Arunachal Pradesh cadre/original resident; and

(b) if so, the complete details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the Eastern Sector. An officer of the Arunachal Pradesh cadre of the Indian Administrative Service was refused a visa to visit China for a study tour in May, 2007. Government have taken up this issue through diplomatic channels and reiterated to the Chinese Government that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India.

Poverty alleviation schemes

516. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central schemes currently in operation in various States for poverty alleviation;

(b) whether there is any monitoring mechanism available for watching the performance of these schemes;

(c) whether these schemes have been reviewed recently; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing a centrally

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

sponsored urban poverty alleviation scheme named Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis, since 1.12.1997.

(b) The scheme of Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being implemented in the country through State/Union Territory Governments. The scheme is monitored through Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs), review meetings and field visits by the senior officers of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. In addition to these, a High Level Monitoring Committee (HLMC), headed by Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, with representatives from different sectoral departments as well as, other stakeholders such as Reserve Bank of India, State Governments, also monitors the scheme on a half yearly basis.

(c) and (d) The scheme of Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been evaluated recently through M/s. Access Development Services Limited, New Delhi, in 9 representative States/UTs. The major suggestions of the evaluation study include: focus on supporting urban self-employment, marketing and credit linkages to the beneficiaries, proper market assessment before setting up of micro-enterprises, training needs assessment etc.

Housing Projects

517. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for housing projects from various State Governments especially Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State-wise details of the projects received and approved under Basic Service to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) are given at Statement-I and 11 respectively *(See* below).

(c) and (d) Total 232 projects under Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and 700 projects under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) were received as on 6.8.2007. Out of these 169 projects under BSUP and 257 projects under IHSDP have been approved by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CS&MC) and Central Sanctioning Committee (CSC) respectively in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.